



**Ohio Attorney General's Office
Bureau of Criminal Investigation
Investigative Report**



2026-0255

Officer Involved Critical Incident - 24496 Clareshire Dr.
Apt. F, North Olmsted, OH 44070, Cuyahoga County (L)

Investigative Activity: DNA Lab Report Received and Reviewed
Involves: John Johnson (S), [REDACTED] (S), Michael Taylor (W)
Activity Date: 03/17/2026
Activity Location: 4055 Highlander Parkway, Richfield, OH
Authoring Agent: SA Jesse Bynum #179

Narrative:

On Tuesday, March 17, 2026, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) Special Agent (SA) Jesse Bynum (SA Bynum) received Ohio BCI Laboratory report(s) for items of evidence submitted on February 3, 2026, for scientific analysis (laboratory case number 26-30920). The report originated from the DNA section of the laboratory and was authored by Forensic Scientist Sara Horst. The items relevant to this report which had previously been submitted were as follows:

Lab Number	Matrix Number	Description
18	027	Keys
24	033	One (1) Glock 45 Auto semi-automatic pistol, model 36, serial number RUP233; one (1) magazine; and one (1) manila envelope containing seven (7) 45 Auto cartridges
26	036	DNA Standard from John Johnson
34	050	DNA Standard from Officer Michael Taylor

SA Bynum reviewed the laboratory report completed on February 26, 2026, and the laboratory report completed on March 12, 2026, and noted the following:

Matrix item #027, a set of keys found in the residence, were found to have a mixture of DNA on them with the major contributor as John Johnson (Johnson) with an estimated frequency of occurrence of the major DNA profile is rarer than 1 in 1 trillion unrelated individuals. Matrix item #033, the pistol found near Johnson, was found to have a mixture of DNA with an unknown male as the major contributor. Johnson's DNA was not found to be the major contributor.

During review of Body Worn Cameras (BWC) during the incident showed Elyria Police Officer Michael Taylor (Taylor) handling the pistol without gloves, removing the magazine, and a round of ammunition from the chamber.

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A DNA swab was obtained from Officer Taylor and submitted for elimination. His DNA was not found to be a major contributor for the DNA found on the pistol.

A copy of the Ohio BCI Laboratory reports is attached to this investigative report. Please refer to the attachment for further details.

References:

None

Attachments:

1. 2026-02-26 2026-0255 DNA Lab Report
2. 2026-03-12 2026-0255 DNA Lab Report

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Laboratory Report DNA

To: Ohio Attorney General's Office
Jesse O. Bynum
30 E. Broad Street
Columbus, OH 43215

BCI Laboratory Number: 26-30920

Analysis Date: February 04, 2026

Issue Date: February 26, 2026

Agency Case Number: 2026-0255

BCI Agent: Michael Rostocil

Offense: Shooting Involving an Officer

Subject(s):

Victim(s):

Submitted on February 03, 2026 by Jesse O. Bynum

- 18. One manila envelope containing keys recovered from the scene
- 24. One cardboard box containing firearm (Serial #RUP233) and magazine with cartridges
- 26. One manila envelope containing DNA standard from John Johnson

Item	Conclusions
18 Keys	Presumptive positive for blood
18.1 Swab of staining	Mixture (1 major contributor) Major – consistent with: John P. Johnson – The estimated frequency of occurrence of the major DNA profile is rarer than 1 in 1 trillion^ unrelated individuals. The remainder of this mixture contains DNA that is not of sufficient quality for comparison to a standard from any individual.
18.2 Swab of back and sides of key fob	No DNA analysis
18.3 Swab from button area of key fob	The DNA profile is not of sufficient quality for comparison due to insufficient data.
18.4 Swab from remaining keys and key chains	No DNA analysis

^ Based on the national database provided by the National Institute of Standards and Technology

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Item	Conclusions
24 Firearm (Serial #RUP233) magazine & cartridges	
24.1 Swab of trigger/interior of trigger guard	Mixture (1 major contributor) Major: Unknown #1 (male) - sufficient for comparison. John P. Johnson – not the major contributor The remainder of this mixture contains DNA that is not of sufficient quality for comparison to a standard from any individual.
24.2 Swab of grip	The DNA profile is not of sufficient quality for comparison due to the number of contributors.
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24.5 Swab of front sight area	Mixture (1 major contributor) Major: Unknown #1 (male) - sufficient for comparison. John P. Johnson – not the major contributor The remainder of this mixture contains DNA that is not of sufficient quality for comparison to a standard from any individual.
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24.8 Swab of cartridges	Mixture (1 major contributor) Major: Unknown #2 (male) - sufficient for comparison. John P. Johnson – not the major contributor The remainder of this mixture contains DNA that is not of sufficient quality for comparison to a standard from any individual.
26.1 DNA standard from John Johnson	Profile used for comparison purposes

Remarks

Item 24.1, Item 24.2, Item 24.3, Item 24.4, Item 24.5, Item 24.6, Item 24.7 and Item 24.8 were consumed during analysis. Additional sample from the other items is available should independent analysis be requested. All remaining items will be returned to the submitting agency. The remaining DNA extracts will be retained by the laboratory.

The eligible DNA profile (Item 26.1) has been entered into the CODIS database in accordance with state and national regulations, where regular searches will be performed. If investigative information becomes available or a profile is removed from CODIS, your agency will be notified.

Should an additional suspect be developed, please submit a reference standard consisting of two oral swabs.

Additional DNA comparisons can be made upon submission of a reference standard consisting of two oral swabs from [REDACTED]

Please ensure any available elimination standards are submitted.

Analytical Detail

Presumptive analysis for blood was performed using chemical testing.

DNA profiling was performed using PCR with the GlobalFiler® STR kit on samples from Item 18, Item 24 and Item 26.



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Submitted on March 02, 2026 by Jesse O. Bynum

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Analytical Detail

Presumptive analysis for blood was performed using chemical testing.

DNA profiling was performed using PCR with the GlobalFiler® STR kit on a sample from Item 34. The additional samples listed above were previously analyzed. See report issued February 26, 2026.



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